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1. [redacted] a directive was recently issued 25X1
 which required all Soviet Army officers to have a PPSh submachine gun in addition to their Nagant Revolvers or Tokarev pistols. 25X1
2. [redacted] the PTRS-41 AT rifle and the Goryunov M-1943 MG. The PTRS-41 AT rifle was organic to an infantry rifle platoon and was served by two men. The Goryunov M-1943 MG was organic to the machine gun platoon of a rifle company and was served by a crew of six men (one sergeant, one corporal, and four privates). 25X1
3. [redacted] transport or tow of weapons 25X1
 a. 152-mm. howitzers were towed by tractors [redacted]
 b. M-13, 132-mm. rocket launchers were mounted on Studebaker trucks [redacted] 25X1
 c. Goryunov M-1943 machine guns were transported two at a time on ZIS-5 trucks. [redacted]
4. [redacted] two new weapons: 25X1
 [redacted] a weapon [redacted] called the "SPG". [redacted]

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[redacted] a new weapon and [redacted] it resembled an 82-mm. mortar except that it was smaller. The tube was supposedly 50 to 60 cm. long and it could be carried by one man. [redacted]
 [redacted] it was a new light mortar, since [redacted]
 it was considered artillery

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b.

[redacted] the Soviet government had a weapon which involved the use of cosmic rays. It was claimed [redacted] that the weapon was capable of knocking down an aircraft in flight or cutting a house in half.

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5. [redacted] information on the M-1943, 57-mm. anti-tank guns as follows:

- a. These anti-tank guns were towed by Studebaker trucks which stopped well to the rear [redacted] of infantry lines. The guns were then manhandled into position.
- b. Anti-tank guns were to be emplaced just behind the rifle platoon. [redacted] anti-tank crewmen complain that this close proximity to the infantry would force them to abandon their weapons in case the infantry should retreat.

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Comment: All weapons described [redacted] were of standard make [redacted]

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